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FM AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6094
AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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SUBJ: AMERICAN LECTURER CARLOS MOLINA

REF STATE 198793

FOR CU/ARA

1. IF MOLINA PERFORMANCE IN CHILE INDICATIVE OF HIS VALUE, WE RECOMMEND AGAINST NEW GRANT IN BUENOS AIRES.
2. MOLINA ARRIVED CHILE LATE AUGUST, 1973, THEN IMMEDIATELY LEFT FOR BUENOS AIRES TO SEE ESTRANGED WIFE AND CHILDREN, BEFORE EVEN BEGINNING ETV WORK FOR WHICH HE WAS CONTRACTED.
3. MOLINA RETURNED SANTIAGO TWO DAYS BEFORE MILITARY PRONUNCIAMIENTO AND RESURFACED SEVERAL DAYS LATER ASKING TO HAVE GRANT CANCELED BECAUSE LOCAL CONDITIONS MADE HIM TOO NERVOUS TO CARRY OUT HIS WORK. CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS AGREED TO RELEASE MOLINA NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF UNIVERSITY REORGANIZATION AND TEMPORARY SUSPENSION MOST ACTIVITY, BUT ALSO BECAUSE HE HAD NOT PROVEN SATISFACTORY TO UNIVERSITY.
4. MOLINA ASKED THAT HIS GRANT BE "TRANSFERRED" TO BAIRE, BUT WE REPLIED THAT EACH COMMISSION AUTONOMOUS AND MUST MAKE OWN ARRANGEMENTS WITH FULBRIGHT GRANTEES. THROUGHOUT, MOLINA APPEARED MORE INTERESTED IN GETTING TO BAIRE THAN ANYTHING ELSE. NEITHER COMMISSION NOR CAO COULD IN GOOD CONSCIENCE

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RECOMMEND HIM TO BAIRE.

5. CHILE COMMISSION TIES WITH MOLINA NOW DEFINIETLY CUT. HE WAS GIVEN AIR PASSAGE FOR RETURN TO NEW MEXICO, TO WHICH HE ADDED BAIRE'S PORTION OUT OF POCKET. WE UNDERSTAND HE LEFT FOR BAIRE'S BETWEEN SEPT 26 AND 28.

6. HOPE DEPARTMENT AND BAIRE'S WILL TAKE ABOVE INTO CONSIDERATION BEFORE DEDUCTING COSTS FROM CHILE COMMISSION FOR NEW MOLINA GRANT IN ARGENTINA.
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